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Featuring Robert M. Citino, PhD



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Travel on the Iconic *Sea Cloud*, a living legend and sailing icon. With carefully restored original cabins and magnificent marble fireplaces, this larger than life vessel sets the perfect stage for our exploration of The Balkans, an area where for centuries civilizations have clashed, democracy was born, and some of World War II's most harrowing battles took place.



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Dear friend of the Museum and fellow traveler,

No other place in the world illustrates the intricate inter-relationship between war and politics in World War II as does the Balkan Peninsula. This ancient region, famous as the birthplace of participatory democracy, lies at the crossroads of global politics, between Europe, the Middle East, and Africa. Any would-be conqueror must control the Balkans in order to control the world. Alexander the Great knew it, Hitler knew it, and so too did Stalin, Churchill, and FDR.

As a result, the region saw constant fighting. Greece, Yugoslavia, and Albania were the targets of large Axis offensives. All of these countries developed active armed resistance to their German and Italian occupiers, inflicted punishing losses on Axis troops and material, and eventually found themselves plunged into civil war once the occupiers left. Studying World War II without knowledge of the Balkans is inconceivable.

The region has a larger story to tell, however. The vast scope of our program reminds me of my years teaching university-level World History and Western Civilization courses. So vast was the time period involved that we used to jokingly refer to the course as “Plato to NATO.” Consider this: our program will start on the plain of Marathon, the site of ancient Athens’s heroic victory over the Persians in 498 BC—the battle that guaranteed the survival of the unique Greek experiment in democracy. We will then focus on the WWII battles in the region, before finishing with the break-up of Yugoslavia and the subsequent wars—wars still playing themselves out—that were unleashed by that event.

Philosophy and War: World War II in the Balkans is a land and cruise tour that begins with two nights in Athens, exploring the ancient roots of democracy, the Axis occupation of Greece, and the civil war that followed. We will embark on the *Sea Cloud* in Athens and continue to Crete, the scene of one of the most famous and distinct battles in all of World War II: Operation Mercury, the German army’s airborne invasion of Crete in May 1941. A nail-biting affair from beginning to end, Mercury saw German paratroopers (*Fallschirmjäger*) successfully snatch a well-garrisoned island in waters controlled by the British Royal Navy. But the issue hung in the balance until the very end, and the Germans took such heavy losses that Hitler never again in World War II ordered a large paratroop drop. He simply thought they were too risky.

After exploring the ill-fated Italian occupation of the Ionian Islands and the historical role of the region’s Jewish community in Corfu, the cruise continues to Albania where both monuments and museums still pay tribute to the “Anti-Fascist War.” An optional post-tour entitled *Dubrovnik: 1991*, will uncover the long-term effects of both the battles and politics of World War II.

Join me on *Philosophy and War: World War II in the Balkans*. See how history and the present-day still interact in one of the most beautiful and volatile regions on earth.

Sincerely,

Robert M. Citino, PhD
Executive Director of The Institute for
the Study of War and Democracy and
Samuel Zemurray Stone Senior Historian
at The National WWII Museum



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Featured Historian

Robert M. Citino, PhD



Robert M. Citino, PhD, is the Executive Director of the Institute for the Study of War and Democracy and the Samuel Zemurray Stone Senior Historian at The National WWII Museum, as well as one of America's most distinguished military historians. Born in Cleveland, Ohio, he attended St. Ignatius Loyola High School on the city's west side, received his BA in History from The Ohio State University and his MA and PhD from Indiana University. He joined the Museum in August 2016.

Dr. Citino is an award-winning military historian and scholar who has published ten books including *The Wehrmacht Retreats: Fighting a Lost War, 1943*; *Death of the Wehrmacht: The German Campaigns of 1942*; and *The German Way of War: From the Thirty Years' War to the Third Reich* and numerous articles covering World War II and 20th century military history. He speaks widely and contributes regularly to general readership magazines including *World War II*. Dr. Citino enjoys close ties with the US military establishment, and taught one year at the US Military Academy at West Point and two years at the US Army War College.

Through Their Eyes

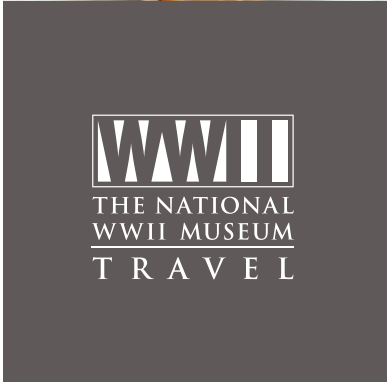
Dennis Georges



Dennis Georges was born to the Georgountzos family in Arfara, a village in the south of the Peloponnese Peninsula. Dennis traveled north to attend school in Athens, where he lived when the Germans invaded Greece. Caught in the middle of the evacuation of British troops, Dennis watched as German planes bombed roads, bridges and rail lines to stall the retreat. Dennis' train could not complete the journey, forcing him to walk for three days to reach his family farm in Arfara. From Arfara, Dennis watched the final battles on the Peloponnese and the British evacuation that became a "second Dunkirk." The aftermath was an Italian and German occupation that led to the "crumbling" of the local society.

In the face of this occupation, the young people around Arfara built a resistance network and elected Dennis Georges as its leader. Using British weapons taken from under the noses of the Italian occupiers, local resistance members harassed the Italians, but they were initially more cautious in provoking the Germans. By 1943, the resistance fighters under Dennis Georges began to strike in bold raids. One night, resistance fighters ambushed a convoy of fifteen German trucks, signaling that the Germans would not have free movement to fortify southern Greece against a possible Allied invasion.

Following his leadership role in the Greek Resistance, Dennis Georges served in the Greek Air Force after World War II, and joined a United Nations force in the Korean War. He studied radar in the United States, settling in New Orleans and starting a successful business.



Tour Inclusions

Travel with featured author and historian Robert M. Citino, PhD, *Executive Director of the Institute for the Study of War and Democracy and the Samuel Zemurray Stone Senior Historian at The National WWII Museum*

Full-time logistical Tour Manager

Shore excursions with expert local battlefield guides at each port

Roundtrip Airport Transfers when arriving and departing on scheduled group tour dates

Two nights at the historic five-star Hotel Grande Bretagne in Athens

Eight nights aboard *Sea Cloud*

Private, first-class, air-conditioned motor coach transportation

Personal listening devices on all included touring

Included gratuities to shipboard staff, guides, drivers, porters and servers

All meals onboard and as indicated on land in the program itinerary

Beer, wine, and soft drinks with included lunches and dinner on land

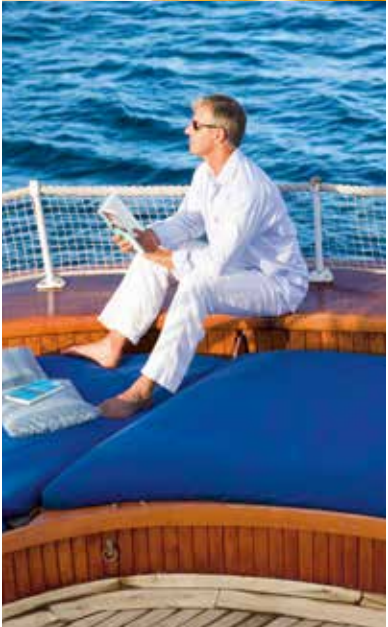
Unlimited beverages while on board the *Sea Cloud* including house wines, spirits, beer, coffee, water, teas, soft drinks, and juices

Welcome and Farewell Receptions

Informative map book including useful maps and archival images to be used throughout your journey

Personalized luggage tags and customized name badge

Keepsake journal and pen to document your journey





©Athens War Museum. Photo inset: Sonia with her father.



where she completed five training jumps, including one night jump. Her skill greatly impressed W.P. Murphy, her British instructor, who signed Stefanidou's certification letter.

The RAF was also impressed with her linguistic skills. In addition to Greek, she was fluent in English, French, and German. Assigned to collect information behind enemy lines, Stefanidou trained in collecting information, codes, and encryption. To gain access to German-occupied area, Stefanidou would disguise herself as a cleaning lady or a beggar, outfits designed to be non-threatening to the Germans.

The details of her first mission are a secret, but it ended with her capture by the Germans. She was sentenced to death, but managed to escape. She reconnected with resistance units in Greece and returned to the Middle East. After the liberation she returned to Greece and petitioned the United States to allow her to join the fight against Japan. Her request was denied. Stefanidou spoke very little about her war experience, and was laid to rest in 1990 in a small ceremony with only her family present.



Learn Their Names

Sonia Stefanidou (1907 – 1990)

Sonia Stefanidou blazed an adventurous path in the Greek military. Residing in Athens, she served first as a nurse with the Red Cross during the Italian occupation. After the capitulation of the Greek Army in 1941, Stefanidou traveled to Egypt, hoping to one day return to Greece. She connected with the RAF Parachute School,

Stand Where History Was Made

Maleme Airfield

To ensure a swift victory in Crete, it was imperative to the Nazis that the Maleme Airfield be captured as quickly as possible. More German troops could arrive by plane from mainland Greece if they controlled the airfield. On May 20, 1941, the assault on Crete began with German troops dropping into a beehive of British and Greek counter fire. At Maleme Airfield, the 5th New Zealand Brigade inflicted heavy casualties on the German paratroopers as they hit the ground. That night, the exhausted New Zealand troops were pulled from their positions on the high ground near the airfield, allowing fresh paratroopers to finally take their objective the next morning. A counter-attack by the New Zealanders failed due to Luftwaffe air attacks, sealing the fate of Crete. Crete became a killing field for the *Fallschirmjäger*, causing Kurt Student, commanding general of *Fliegerkorps XI*, to later say that Crete “was the graveyard of the German paratroops.”

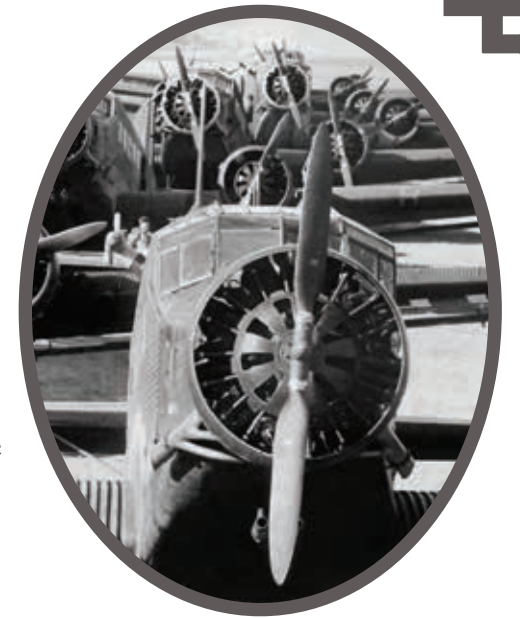


Photo above: A German Junkers Ju 52 Transport Plane. Used for Operation Mercury, 1941. Courtesy of Sueddeutsche Zeitung Photo / Alamy. Stock Photo. Photo below: German paratroopers drop onto Crete during the invasion of Greece, May 1941. Courtesy of Keystone/Getty Images.



Photo: Andrew Mousalimas pictured second to the left

Hear Their Stories



Corporal Andrew “Andy” Mousalimas C Company, 2671st Special Reconnaissance Battalion (OSS)

The son of Greek immigrants, Andrew Mousalimas grew up in Oakland, California. As a child, Mousalimas and his family only spoke Greek and he did not learn the English language until he began attending school. Knowledge of the Greek language later turned out to be a blessing for Mousalimas.

Mousalimas initially wanted to join the Merchant Marines; however, when his friend failed his physical examination, both boys decided to wait for their draft notices. Mousalimas turned 18 years old in December 1942, and his draft notice came soon after. The following year, while at Camp Carson, Colorado, Mousalimas was approached with an offer to join a special unit of Greek-Americans and he immediately began training to parachute into Greece and fight with partisan guerrillas and British Commandos. Because of his ability to speak fluent Greek, Mousalimas was a natural choice for the assignment. Roughly 200 officers and enlisted men soon found themselves in the mountains of Greece.



Andrew Mousalimas receives the Congressional Medal of Honor in 2018. Courtesy of AP Photo/Andrew Hamik.

Despite the high price placed on the head of captured saboteurs, the men of the “Greek-American Operational Group” did their job with a high degree of success. The unit was responsible for ambushes, destroying rail lines and other supply lines, as well as causing general disruption to the Nazi war effort in Greece. In one operation, Mousalimas and his unit managed to blow an important rail bridge in the Macedonian mountains, hindering the withdrawal of Bulgarian troops from the area. The Greek people were under strict orders to turn over these American and British saboteurs,

but this order was ignored by the citizenry, an act that still makes Mousalimas proud.

After the war, Andrew Mousalimas returned to Oakland, California, where he opened a restaurant. He is credited as one of the founders of the phenomenon known as Fantasy Football. On March 21, 2018, Corporal Andrew Mousalimas, alongside other men of the Office of Strategic Services (OSS), was awarded the Congressional Gold Medal, the highest civilian honor bestowed by the US Congress.



The Balkans:

Leading Figures from History & World War II

Photo: Bust of Pericles, the ancient Greek statesman, orator and general of the 5th century BC, known as the "Golden Age". (495-429) BC. Courtesy of The National Trust Photolibrary / Alamy Stock Photo.

Athens

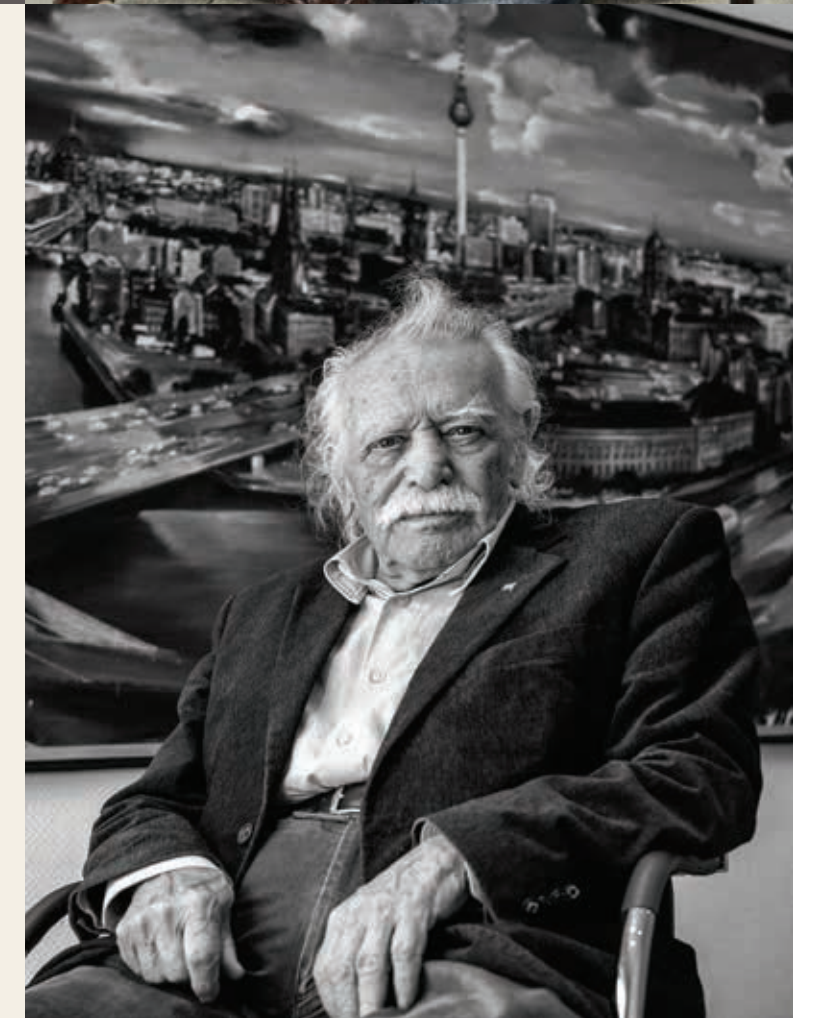
Pericles (495 – 429 BC)

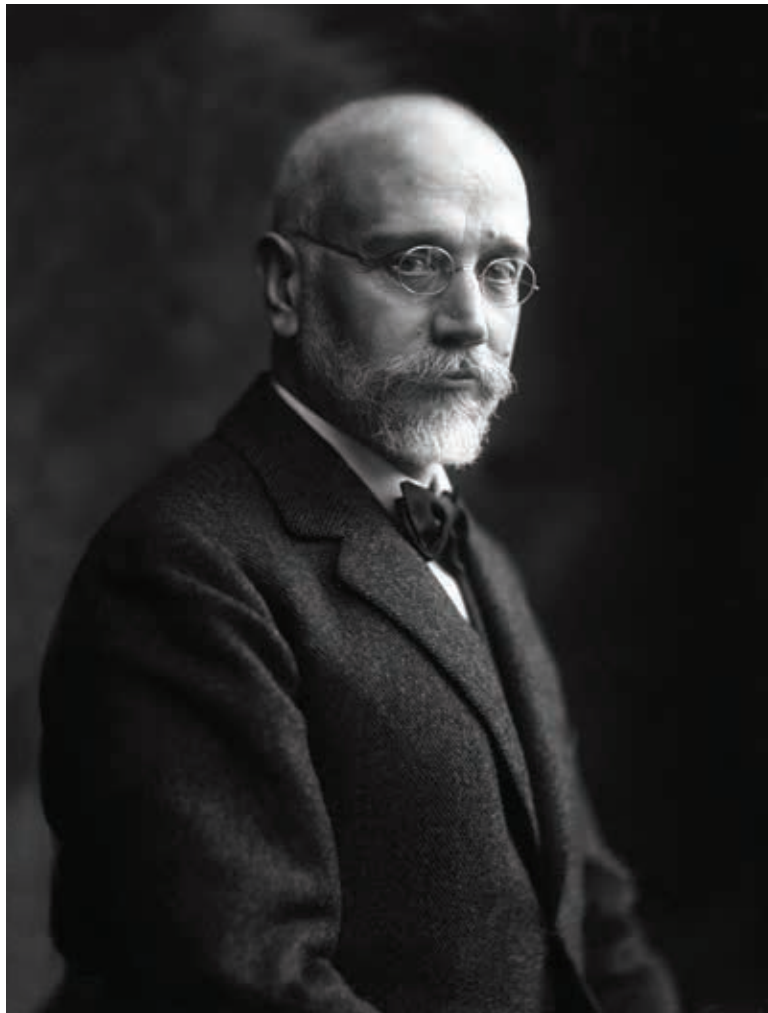
Under the rule of Pericles, Athens' wealth and influence grew. Overseeing the construction of the Parthenon and many additional structures on the Acropolis, Pericles was called the "First Citizen" of Athens by the historian Thucydides. Pericles exercised a persuasive control over the Athenians, leading them as citizens and equals instead of as subjects. The funeral oration he delivered in honor of Athenian war dead during the Peloponnesian War with Sparta still ranks among the greatest speeches in history.



Manolis Glezos (Born 1922)

When Nazi Germany defeated Greece in 1941, a swastika went up over the Acropolis, to the humiliation of the citizens of Athens. Manolis Glezos and his friend Apostolos Santas knew of a cave leading to the top of the Acropolis. Making their way to the top of a 50-foot high flagpole, Glezos removed the flag, and carried a piece home to his mother. His act of resistance inspired other movements throughout Europe. The Germans later captured Glezos, but never identified him as the man who removed the flag. A devout left wing politician, Glezos spent 11 years in prison following the Greek Civil War, and in 2014, he was elected to European Parliament at age 91.





Crete

Eleftherios Venizelos (1864 – 1936)

Eleftherios Venizelos was an integral figure in Cretan independence from Ottoman rule. As a leader of a band of rebels in the area around Chania, Venizelos served in both military and diplomatic roles. Greece ultimately lost the Greco-Turkish War of 1897, but Crete gained a diplomatic victory with a new status as an autonomous state. In 1913, Crete officially joined Greece, and Venizelos became prime minister of Greece. Due to his role in modernizing the Greek military and in ensuring that the Greeks joined the Allies in World War I, *The New York Times* referred to Eleftherios Venizelos as the “Maker of Modern Greece.”



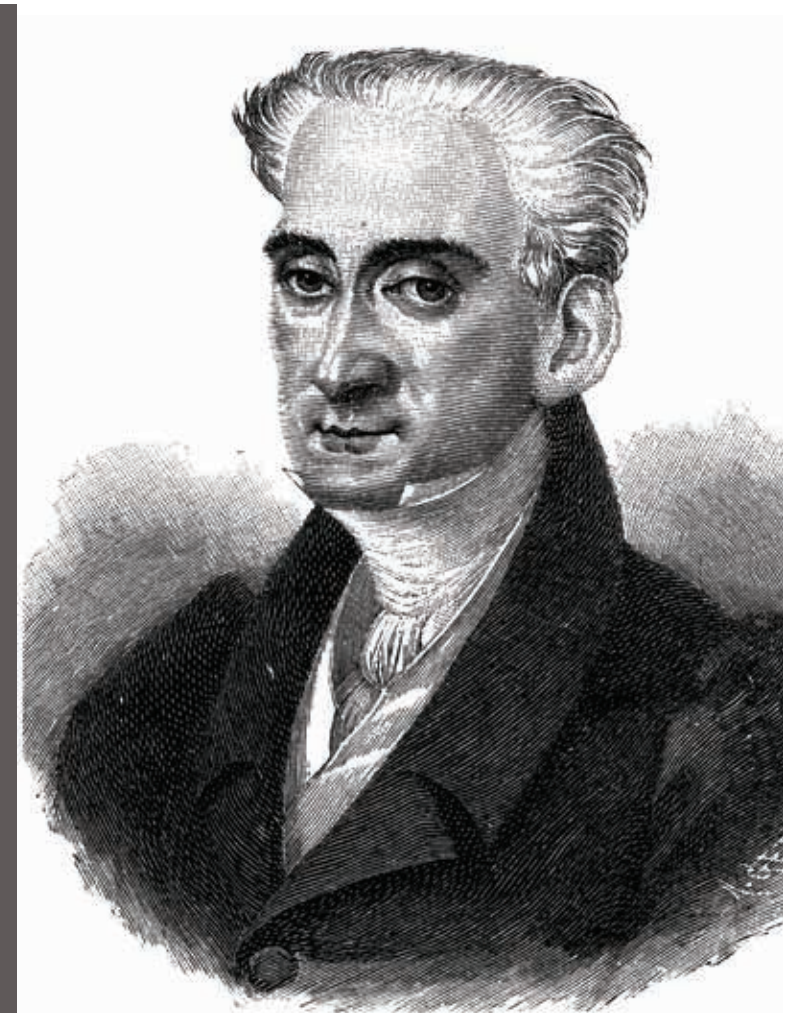
George Psychoundakis (1920 – 2006)

Drawing comparisons to Pheidippides feat of running the distance from Marathon to Athens with news of victory over the Persians, George Psychoundakis served as a dispatch runner in Crete during World War II. One night, Psychoundakis ran at least 28 miles, while evading Germans, from the northwest to the southwest coast of Crete. The purpose of this run, and many others was to deliver information to various resistance and special operations forces on the island. In the years after the war, Psychoundakis tended the German Cemetery on Hill 107, and published his memoir *The Cretan Runner*.

Corfu

Ioannis Kapodistrias (1776 – 1831)

Ioannis Kapodistrias was born to a noble family in Corfu at time when revolutions were dramatically changing Europe. In the midst of the French Revolution and Napoleon’s conquests, the Russians and Ottomans forced the French out of the Ionian Islands, setting up a semi-independent republic. Kapodistrias became minister of the new Septinsular Republic, a path that would lead him to becoming the first prime minister of independent Greece in 1827. Taking over a fractious country that had just been liberated from over 400 years of Ottoman rule, Kapodistrias quickly consolidated power and worked toward modernizing the country.



Georgios Rallis (1918 – 2006)

The Rallis family has a distinguished lineage in Greece. Numerous political figures including diplomats, justices, and prime ministers dot the family line. Georgios’ father, Ioannis Rallis, became the first major Greek politician to collaborate with the Nazis. Despite his father’s collaboration, Georgios joined the Greek military, serving as a Second Lieutenant in the fight against the Italians. After the liberation of Greece in October 1944, Georgios’ father was sentenced to life imprisonment for his collaboration, and he died in prison in 1946. The next year, Georgios published a book called *Ioannis Rallis Speaks from the Grave*, in which Ioannis expresses remorse for his actions during World War II. Georgios Rallis became prime minister of Greece in 1980.





Albania

Skanderbeg (1405 – 1468)

Skanderbeg was born in northeastern Albania with the name George Castriota. The name Skanderbeg came from his time in service of the Ottoman Empire when he took the name Iskander (“Alexander”) and attached the honorary title of “beg.” He left the Ottoman army, returning to Albania with the cause of Albanian independence. He repelled numerous Ottoman attacks, but after his death in 1468, Albanian resistance crumbled and the region fell under the Ottoman Empire for more than four centuries. Historians in Europe rediscovered Skanderbeg after the Ottoman incursions in the 17th century, as the Turks moved towards the gates of Vienna. Tales of a European standing against the Ottomans served as a source of pride throughout Albania until the fall of communism in 1992.



Enver Hoxha (1908 – 1985)

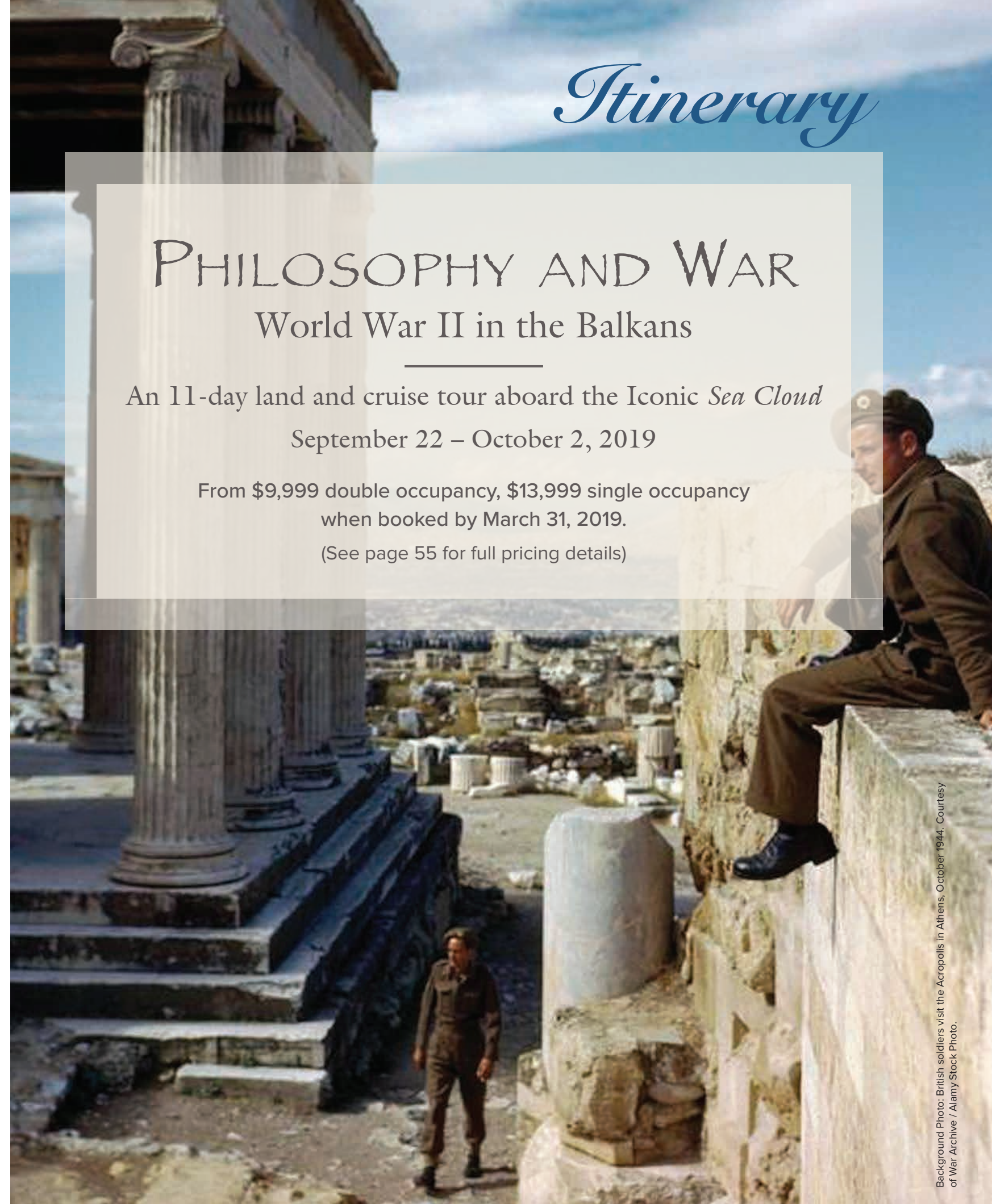
Enver Hoxha ruled Albania for much of the second half of the twentieth century. After studying in France and serving as a grammar school teacher, Hoxha became a founding member of Communist Party of Albania in 1941. One influential act of defiance occurred when he wrote a call to the Albanian peasantry to refuse to pay taxes or give food to the collaborationist Albanian government. After the war, Hoxha consolidated power and served as the head of state from 1944-1985. His reign was thoroughly Stalinist, characterized by surveillance, torture, paranoia, and executions. Hoxha died in 1985, and his legacy deteriorated following the fall of Albanian communism in 1992.

Itinerary

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An 11-day land and cruise tour aboard the Iconic *Sea Cloud*
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From \$9,999 double occupancy, \$13,999 single occupancy
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(See page 55 for full pricing details)



Background Photo: British soldiers visit the Acropolis in Athens, October 1944. Courtesy of War Archive / Alamy Stock Photo.



Day 1 September 22, 2019

Athens

Arrival

Upon arrival at Athens International Airport (ATH), transfer to the Hotel Grande Bretagne in the center of Athens. Enjoy an evening at leisure to rest or explore Athens on your own.

Accommodations: Hotel Grande Bretagne



Background Photo: The GB Roof Garden Restaurant top of the Hotel Grande Bretagne Athens with stunning view of the Parthenon and the Kalimarmaro Stadium. Archive photo: A line of Greek partisans, men and women, are marching on a path on a hill near Athens to join the Allied forces, who have just landed in Athens, World History Archive / Alamy Stock Photo.

Day 2 September 23, 2019

Marathon

Greece

The tour begins on the Plain of Marathon and in the year 490 BC when a large Persian army landed in Greece, seeking vengeance for Athenian participation in the Ionian revolts. Mounting a war of both expansion and retribution, Darius the Great became obsessed with Athens. According to Herodotus, Darius ordered his servants to tell him three times before each dinner, “Master, remember the Athenians.” The Persians landed at the Bay of Marathon with a numerically superior force. The Athenians stood alone after Sparta refused to come to their aid until the end of the festival of Carneia. As the battle began, the Athenians charged directly into the Persian lines. With superior armor and better hand-to-hand fighting techniques, the Athenians caused panic among the Persians. The Persian soldiers retreated to their ships in chaos, and Athens was secure. After the tour, return to Athens for a reception and introductory talk by Dr. Citino, followed by dinner with the group.

Accommodations: Hotel Grande Bretagne (B, L, D)



Background Photo: The Tumulus of Marathon, a burial mound for the 192 Athenians who died in the battle of Marathon in 490 BC. Archive photo: The Battle of Marathon, 490 BC, during the first Persian invasion of Greece from Hutchinson's History of the Nations, published 1915. Courtesy of Classic Image / Alamy Stock Photo.



Day 3 September 24, 2019

Athens

Greece

The Acropolis is a treasure of the world. Its UNESCO World Heritage status calls it “the greatest architectural and artistic complex bequeathed by Greek Antiquity to the world.” While exploring this archaeological site, visit the Parthenon, the Temple of Athena Nike, and the Erechtheion. The influence of the site continues to this day as Neo-Classical monuments trace their heritage to those at the Acropolis. After lunch, continue to the National War Museum. Covering the military history of Greece from Antiquity to modern times, a special section on World War II highlights the Greek contributions to the Allied war effort. Of special interest is the Sacred Band, a special unit formed by Greek volunteers in the Middle East. The unit saw action in North Africa and throughout the Aegean. It disbanded after the war, but it is the precursor to the modern Greek Special Forces. Continue to the port city of Peraeus to board *Sea Cloud*.

Accommodations: *Sea Cloud* (B, D)



Background photo: Caryatid Porch of the Erechtheion in Athens, Greece.
Archive Photo: The British Army in Athens, October 1944. Courtesy of War Archive/Alamy Stock Photo.



Day 4 September 25, 2019

At Sea

Aegean Sea

Experience the *Sea Cloud* at her finest—in full sail, cutting through the Aegean Sea towards Crete. Homer described the Aegean as a ‘wine dark sea’ at night. By day, she offers some of the most beautiful sights in the world: crystal blue water, open skies, and thousands of rocky islands bearing the history of the western world in their names. A presentation by Dr. Citino on the German invasion of Crete in 1941 will set the stage for the next two days of touring.

Accommodations: *Sea Cloud* (B, L, D)



The *Sea Cloud* sailing at night towards Dubrovnik. Courtesy of DE ROCKER / Alamy Stock Photo.

Operation Mercury

The Last Large German Airborne Assault

The island of Crete was the site of one of the most dramatic military operations in all of World War II. In May 1941, the Germans launched an airborne attack on the island from their base in occupied Greece. At the time, Operation Mercury was the largest airborne offensive ever launched. Although the Greek and British forces on the island defended Crete tenaciously, the German paratroopers (*Fallschirmjäger*) drove them back, and eventually forced them to evacuate under fire. German casualties were extremely heavy, and Hitler swore from that moment on that he would never again launch an airborne operation of that scale.

Pictured here is Col. Braeuer, commander of a German airborne regiment, end of May 1941.

Photo courtesy of ullstein bild/ullstein bild via Getty Images.



Landing of German paratroopers. Courtesy of ullstein bild/ullstein bild via Getty Images.



Heraklion

Crete

Pass the Venetian walls of Heraklion, and journey to Archanes where British and Cretan operatives staged the dramatic kidnapping of German General Heinrich Kriepe. Departing his headquarters in Archanes, Kriepe’s car was stopped by agents disguised as German military policemen, who jumped inside and threatened Kriepe with a pistol. What followed was a three-week journey to the south of Crete with numerous false leads left behind for the German pursuers. The British successfully removed Kriepe from the island, and took him to Egypt for interrogation.

Accommodations: *Sea Cloud* (B, L, D)



Background photo: Knossos Palace, the largest Bronze Age archaeological site on Crete and the ceremonial and political center of the Minoan civilization and culture.
Archive Photo: Major General G.F. Kreipe, the Commander of the German 22nd Panzer Grenadier Division (*Sebastopol*). Courtesy of CORBIS/Corbis via Getty Images.

Chania

Crete

From the ship's location in Souda Bay, the tour visits the sites of the early battles in Crete. Near Maleme Airfield and Tavronitis Bridge, German paratroopers dropped in large numbers to seize the landing strips.

On the first day, British, New Zealander, and Greek forces inflicted heavy casualties on the Germans, but miscommunications caused the airfield to fall the next day. A visit to Hill 107 and the German Cemetery underscores the losses inflicted upon the Germans in the first days of the battle. The study of the battle continues at Galatas, a defensive line held by troops from New Zealand. Over two days, the town changed hands several times before the New Zealanders withdrew further to the south.

Accommodations: *Sea Cloud* (B, L, D)



Background Photo: Souda Bay Allied War Cemetery, Crete. Archive Photo: Aerial view of Maleme Airfield on Crete in 1941. Courtesy of Archive PL / Alamy Stock Photo.

At Sea Ionian Sea

The Ionian Sea is the gateway to the Balkan Peninsula and the site of numerous conflicts between the ancient Greek and Roman Empires. During World War II, the Ionian Sea would once again host a clash between these two ancient countries. While sailing, Dr. Citino presents on Mussolini's efforts to bring the Ionian islands into a new Roman Empire, and of the later, harsh German occupation.

Accommodations: *Sea Cloud* (B, L, D)



Background Photo: Coast of Greece. Archive Photo: Mussolini arrives for a meeting with Adolf Hitler from April 7 – 10, 1943 to discuss the general political situation and common warfare. Courtesy of Bundesarchiv.

Day 8 September 29, 2019

Corfu Greece

The historic island of Corfu lies in the Ionian Sea just off the western coast of Albania. It is an historic city, whose origins lie deep in the mists of ancient Greek mythology.

It is said that Poseidon, Lord of the Sea, abducted the beautiful nymph Kerkyra and, seeking the most beautiful island in Greece, gave her Corfu as a gift. Its strategic location made it important to the Romans, Normans, Venetians, and others, and the island would repulse repeated Turkish attempts to conquer it. In World War II history, Corfu is renowned as the site of one of the first uprisings against Axis rule, when high school students staged a series of protests against the Italian occupiers of Greece in November 1941.

In 1943, much of Corfu was destroyed by German bombardment; many coming after Italy surrendered to the Allies. Tour the Old Town and Jewish Quarter while learning of the succession of battles for the island from 1923 - 1945.

Accommodations: *Sea Cloud* (B, L, D)



Background Photo: Street view in Corfu Jewish Quarter.
Archive Photo: Greek partisans chat during a lull in fighting the Germans.
Courtesy of Military Images / Alamy Stock Photo.

Day 9 September 30, 2019

At Sea Adriatic Sea

The end of World War II in the Balkans ushered in a new set of problems. Factions that unified to throw off the occupying Italians and Germans were now in conflict with each other. Civil wars in the region paved the way for dictatorships and new struggles. Sail through the Strait of Otranto and into the Adriatic Sea. On board, dive into the partisan motivations in the Balkans with Dr. Citino.

Accommodations: *Sea Cloud* (B, L, D)



Background photo: St. Lawrence Fortress (Lovrijenac) guarding the sheltered cove and northern seaward approach to Dubrovnik old town on the Dalmatian Coast of Croatia. Courtesy of Steve Taylor ARPS / Alamy Stock Photo. Photo left: Greek soldier running during combat in the Greek civil War 1948. Courtesy of World History Archive / Alamy Stock Photo. Photo center: Female Greek partisan fighters during the Greek civil war, July 1947. With them is Belgian Lieutenant General Maurice Delvoie (3rd from left), head of an investigating team of the UN Balkan Commission of Inquiry. Courtesy of FPG/Archive Photos/Getty Images. Photo right: Father and daughter in sparse refugee quarters during the Greek Civil War. August 29, 1947. Courtesy of Everett Collection Inc / Alamy Stock Photo.

Tirana

Albania

Fascist Italy occupied Albania in April 1939, before the outbreak of World War II, and the Germans would come as occupiers in 1943, and the city became the repeated target for Allied bombing raids. Tough armed resistance to Fascist occupation led to brutal Italian and German reprisals in Albania, leaving the country one of the most devastated in the world by 1945. The capital city, Tirana, was the first city in Europe to be liberated by its own partisans. After the war, Enver Hoxha rose to power, ushering in a period of paranoia, surveillance, and economic stagnation. During Hoxha's reign, over 170,000 bunkers were built for defensive and security purposes. The tour will begin in Skanderbeg Square with a discussion of the partisans and martyrs before descending into one of the bunker complexes. At Bunk'Art 2, discover the methods of Albania's secret police, the Sigurimi.

Accommodations: *Sea Cloud* (B, L, D)



Background Photo: Equestrian statue of George Kastrioti Skanderbeg in Skanderbeg Square, Tirana, with the National History Museum exterior facade and mural beyond. Courtesy of Eye Ubiquitous/UiG via Getty Images. Archive photo: Partisan men and women soldiers of Albanian Liberation Forces during World War II. Courtesy of Sovfoto/UiG via Getty Images.

Day 11 October 2, 2019



Dubrovnik

Croatia

Bid farewell to the magnificent *Sea Cloud* and transfer to Dubrovnik Airport (DBV) for independent flights home. For those continuing on the optional post-tour extension program *Dubrovnik: 1991*, touring begins immediately after disembarkation. (B)



Photo: Aerial view of the coast of Dubrovnik, Croatia. Courtesy of Ivan Coric / Alamy Stock Photo.

Dubrovnik: 1991

Two-night optional post-tour

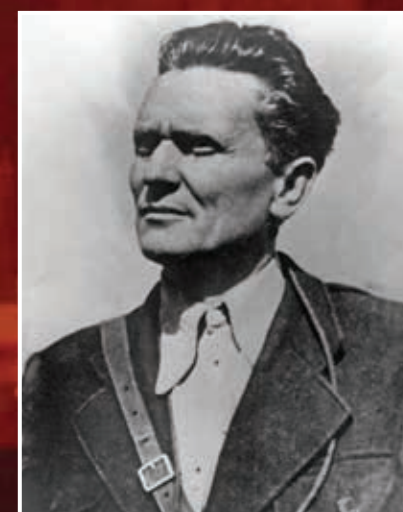
\$2,399* per person double occupancy, \$3,449* single occupancy

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Continue your journey on the exclusive post-tour, *Dubrovnik: 1991*. Bringing the story of the Balkans to the present, tour the walled city of Dubrovnik with an emphasis on the siege of the city in 1991. As the multi-ethnic state of Yugoslavia disintegrated, several groups, including the Croats, sought their independence. Under the regime of Josip Tito, the ethnic rivalries had been silenced by force. Following the dissolution of other Communist dictatorships, Yugoslavia began showing cracks in its control. In 1991, the Croatian War of Independence pitted the Croats against Yugoslavian security forces, made up mainly of Serbs and Montenegrins. In 1991, the Old Town of Dubrovnik came under heavy shelling, despite its status as an UNESCO World Heritage Site.

Walk the walls of the city, originally meant to protect the city from Venetians and Ottomans, but which were integral again in the late twentieth century. From the walls, a discussion of the war's effect on the city can be noticed from the orange roofs, which were originally gray in color. The city's cosmetic change came when the original shingles were preserved for the most historic buildings of the city center while the new, orange tiles went to the new buildings. A visit to War Photo Limited showcases some of the world's most evocative war photography in a gallery environment.

Accommodations Hotel Excelsior Dubrovnik



Background image: Night bombing of the city of Dubrovnik. Courtesy of Jon Jones/Sygma via Getty Images. Photo left: Josip Tito (1892-1980) as commander of the Yugoslav Partisans during World War II. Courtesy of Pictorial Press Ltd / Alamy Stock Photo.

Photo center: The destruction of the interior of a house in Dubrovnik, during the war in 1991. Courtesy of Romano Cagnoni/Getty Images.

Photo right: Damaged building and location of land mines that were used extensively during the Croatian War of Independence, by all sides in the conflict. Approximately 1.5 million were laid across the country between 1991-95. Courtesy of Jacky chapman / Alamy Stock Photo.



Introducing the Sea Cloud

ACCOMMODATIONS AT SEA | SEA CLOUD

A luxury yacht full of history

Sea Cloud was built in 1931 at the Krupp family shipyard in Kiel, Germany, according to plans of the renowned American contractors Gibbs & Cox. After her launch in the last week of April, the largest private sailing yacht of that day was christened the *Hussar V*.

The four-masted barque was commissioned by one of Wall Street's wealthiest businessmen, E. F. Hutton. His wife, Marjorie Merriweather Post, heiress to a huge fortune and herself a successful businesswoman, designed the luxury yacht, with its then black hull, completely according to her liking. She dedicated at least two years almost exclusively to this task.

On January 7, 1942, the Navy chartered the ship for \$1 per year. *Sea Cloud* was commissioned as a United States Coast Guard Cutter on April 4, 1942, and assigned to the Eastern Sea Frontier, with a permanent home port in Boston. Following her Navy service, the vessel was fully restored and now operates as a luxurious vessel carrying only 64 privileged guests.



Edward Francis Hutton



Marjorie Merriweather Post



Marjorie Post and her daughter
Dina, 1930.



Historic photo showing the deck
of the HUSSAR



Onboard

Inviting Public Areas

Sail. Reflect. Savor.

Aboard the *Sea Cloud*, the traditional rules of cruise travel are thrown overboard, and every area entices visitors in its own way. There are many wonderful spots where you can relax and discuss the fascinating history lessons found on shore: from countless deck chairs to elegant mahogany benches.

During days at sea, guest historian Robert M. Citino, PhD, will bring history to life through fascinating lectures. Don't miss the opportunity to sit back and watch the movement of the sails and all the traditional tasks associated with a majestic sailing ship.



The Promenade

Not only is the promenade deck a quick route from one end of the ship to the other, in good weather you will also find some very tasty refreshments there. The coffee, tea, and light snacks are ideal for those who rise early, but also provides sustenance in the afternoon between meals. Just imagine a freshly made waffle with ice cream under the white sails of a ship - that really is pure paradise!



The Lounge and Restaurant

Selected picture books, high-quality literature, popular board games, and a writing desk with a laptop can all be found in the cozy lounge on the promenade deck.

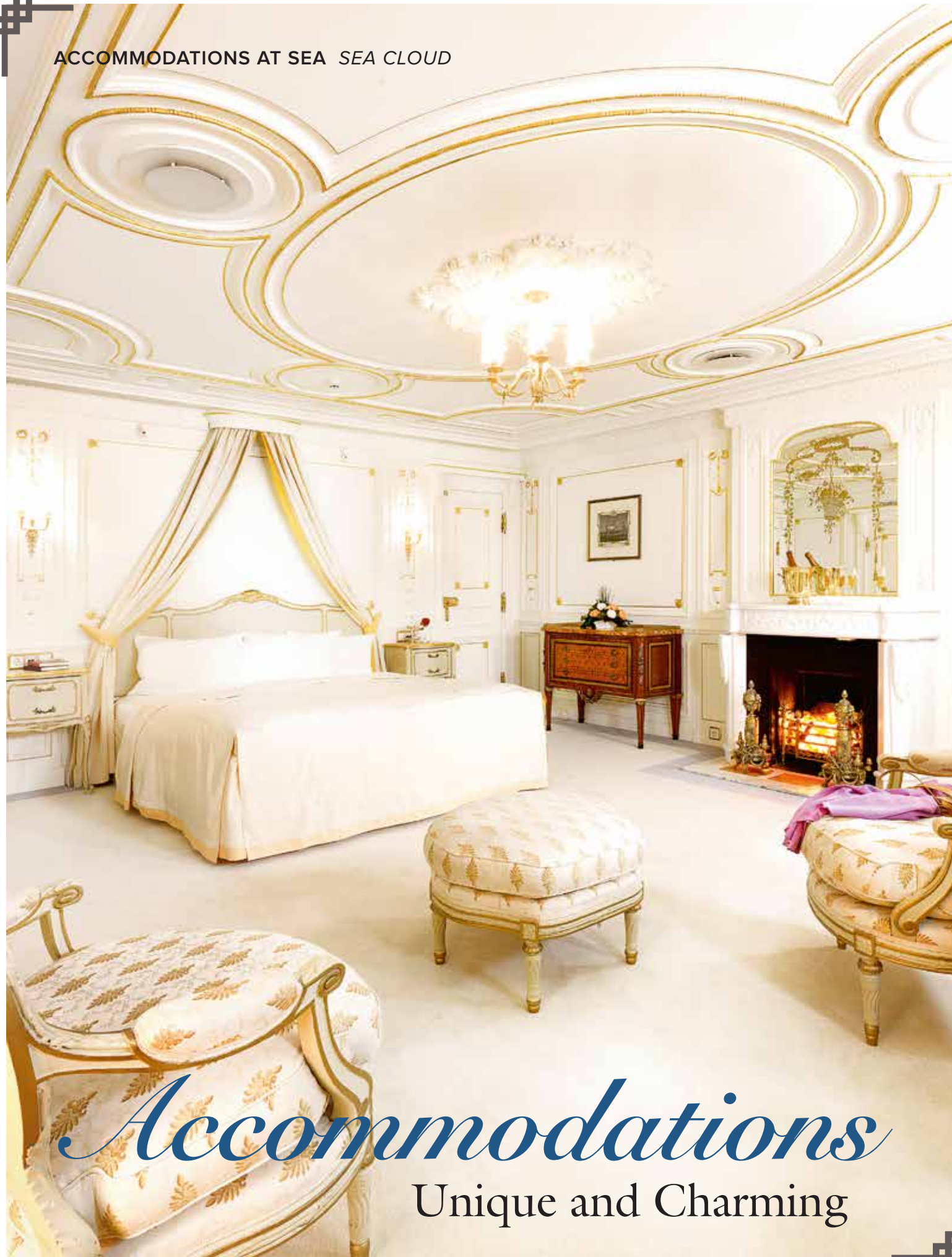
Next door is the oak-paneled restaurant, used as a salon by the *Sea Cloud's* first owners. Enjoy open seating at the beautiful long tables.



The Lido Deck and Bar

On sunny days at sea, enjoy time relaxing on the Lido Deck. The tasty snacks served at the buffet in the open air will both whet and satisfy your appetite. At certain times, our onboard pianist provides pleasant background music to your conversations. The Lido bar is a great place to wind down the evening. Quite befitting for any traditional sailing ship, the atmosphere can also get rather vibrant when the Crew Shanty Choir makes an appearance.





Accommodations

Unique and Charming

Discover your suite

Once occupied by the ship's owners, the remarkable Owner's Suites on the Main Deck have been carefully restored true to their vintage design. Featuring golden fixtures and magnificent marble fireplaces, the luxurious decor offers an extraordinary experience during your journey. Exuding timeless elegance, the two largest cabins on board also feature a welcoming bottle of champagne upon arrival and a fresh fruit basket replenished daily.

Owner's Suite 1 Category A

In this suite, once exquisitely decorated and occupied by Marjorie Merriweather Post, one can still feel her determination to create a luxurious home at sea.



Amenities

- Approx. 410 sq ft. (Main Deck)
- Portholes
- Large Louis XIV-style double bed and nightstands
- Generous sitting area with table and desk
- Decorative marble fireplace
- Dressing table
- Walk-in closet and safe
- Adjustable A/C
- 97 sq. ft. bathroom outfitted in white Carrara marble and gold-en swan fixtures, and includes a tub, marble sink, dressing table, hair dryer, outlet for razor, and two additional portholes.

Owner's Suite 2 Category B

The wood-paneled former sleeping quarters of Edward Hutton also reflect Marjorie's love of detail and extraordinary taste.



Amenities

- Approx. 366 sq ft. (Main Deck)
- Portholes
- Large double bed and two antique nightstands
- Two armchairs
- Decorative marble fireplace
- Antique secretary
- Well-sized walk-in closet and safe
- Adjustable A/C
- 97 sq. ft. bathroom outfitted in pink Carrara marble and gold-en fixtures, and includes a tub, marble sink, dressing table, hair dryer, and outlet for razor.

Discover your stateroom

All of the staterooms on board the *Sea Cloud* have their own, unique charm. If you want a stylishly elegant, cozy, and modern cabin, then select one of the 18 outer cabins on the Lido or Promenade Decks with double or twin beds. For a nostalgic maritime feel, choose one of the four former officers’ staterooms, which have been carefully restored. These cabins feature a pair of bunks and a door that leads straight out onto the covered section of the Promenade Deck. No matter which stateroom you choose, all guests enjoy the impeccable service on board, making this journey a singular experience that will stay with you long after your voyage is over.

Deluxe Original Cabin #3 Category B

Many famous personalities, corporate leaders, and heads of state have stayed in this generous, colonial style stateroom.



Amenities

- Approx. 258 sq. ft. (Main Deck)
- Portholes
- Two twin beds (fixed) and antique nightstand
- Two chairs
- Antique secretary
- Decorative marble fireplace
- Walk-in closet and safe
- Adjustable A/C
- Approx. 43 sq. ft. bathroom outfitted with golden fixtures including a tub, marble sink, hair dryer, and outlet for razor.

Deluxe Original Cabin #4 Category B

This stateroom is decorated with the opulant treasures collect- ed from all over the world by Marjorie Merriweather Post.



Amenities

- Approx. 237 sq. ft. (Main Deck)
- Portholes
- Double bed and nightstand
- Two chairs and antique desk
- Antique secretary
- Decorative marble fireplace
- Walk-in closet and safe
- Adjustable A/C
- Approx. 54 sq. ft. bathroom outfitted with golden fixtures including a tub, marble sink, hair dryer, and outlet for razor.

Deluxe Original Cabin #5 Category B

At the end of a day exploring, a relaxing haven awaits in this spacious stateroom designed with comfort in mind.



Amenities

- Approx. 215 sq. ft. (Main Deck)
- Portholes
- Two twin beds (fixed) and nightstands
- Two chairs and antique desk
- Decorative marble fireplace
- Walk-in closet and safe
- Adjustable A/C
- Approx. 54 sq. ft. bathroom outfitted with golden fixtures including a tub, marble sink, hair dryer, and outlet for razor.

Deluxe Original Cabin #6 Category B

This quaint retreat will transport you back to the era of 1930s’ travel.



Amenities

- Approx. 194 sq. ft. (Main Deck)
- Portholes
- Large double bed and nightstands
- Two chairs
- Antique secretary
- Dresser
- Decorative marble fireplace
- Walk-in closet and safe
- Adjustable A/C
- Approx. 43 sq. ft. bathroom outfitted with golden fixtures including a shower, marble sink, hair dryer, and outlet for razor.

Deluxe Original Cabin #7 Category B

Dina Merrill, the daughter of Marjorie Merriweather Post and Ed Hutton, spent much of her childhood in this restored stateroom.



Amenities

- Approx. 258 sq. ft. (Main Deck)
- Portholes
- Two twin beds (convertible to one bed) and nightstand
- One chair
- Decorative marble fireplace
- Walk-in closet and safe
- Adjustable A/C
- Approx. 75 sq. ft. bathroom outfitted with golden fixtures including a tub, marble sink, hair dryer, and outlet for razor.

Deluxe Original Cabin #8
Category B

Seek solitude in this large stateroom and enter a world designed with comfort in mind.



Amenities

- Approx. 268 sq. ft. (Main Deck)
- Portholes
- King size bed with two separate mattresses and antique nightstands
- Two chairs and table
- Dresser with mirror
- Decorative marble fireplace
- Walk-in closet and safe
- Adjustable A/C
- Approx. 65 sq. ft. bathroom outfitted with golden fixtures including a tub, marble sink, hair dryer, and outlet for razor.

Deluxe Outside Cabin #9
Category C

This former single crew cabin is decorated with warm-colored fabrics and wood tones with a private staircase to the Promenade Deck.



Amenities

- Approx. 215 sq. ft. (Main Deck)
- Portholes
- Double bed and nightstands
- One chair and table
- Dressing table with mirror
- Walk-in closet and safe
- Adjustable A/C
- Approx. 35 sq. ft. bathroom outfitted with golden fixtures including a tub, marble sink, hair dryer, and outlet for razor.

Deluxe Outside Cabin #10
Category C

This contemporary, elegant cabin is tucked away at the end of the hall with a private staircase to the Promenade Deck.



Amenities

- Approx. 198 sq. ft. (Main Deck)
- Portholes
- Double bed and nightstands
- One chair and table
- Dressing table with mirror
- Walk-in closet and safe
- Adjustable A/C
- Approx. 39 sq. ft. bathroom outfitted with golden fixtures including a shower marble sink, hair dryer, and outlet for razor.

Cabins #30 & 31
Category 1

Graced with panoramic windows, these staterooms bring the ever-changing scenery of the Dalmation coast to your doorstep.



Amenities

- Approx. 140 sq. ft. (Captain's and Lido Deck)
- Panoramic window
- King size bed with two separate mattresses and nightstand
- One chair
- Dressing table
- Closet and safe
- Adjustable A/C
- Approx. 28 sq. ft. bathroom outfitted with gold-plated fixtures including a shower, marble sink, hair dryer, and outlet for razor.

Cabins #32–37
Category 2

These bright twin-bed cabins offer a restful haven amidst comforting surroundings and wonderful views of the open ocean.



Amenities

- Approx. 145 sq. ft. (Captain's and Lido Deck)
- Panoramic window
- Two twin beds (convertible to one bed) and nightstand
- One chair
- Dressing table
- Closet and safe
- Adjustable A/C
- Approx. 32 sq. ft. bathroom outfitted with gold-plated fixtures including a shower, marble sink, hair dryer, and outlet for razor.

Cabins #18–25
Category 3

These cozy cabins are designed to offer the best possible night's sleep and are ideally located near the restaurant and lounge.



Amenities

- Approx. 135 sq. ft. (Captain's and Lido Deck)
- Panoramic window
- Two twin beds and nightstand
- One chair
- Dressing table
- Closet and safe
- Adjustable A/C
- Approx. 32 sq. ft. bathroom outfitted with gold-plated fixtures including a shower, marble sink, hair dryer, and outlet for razor.

Cabins #28–29
Category 4

These bright and cozy twin-bed cabins offer a soothing color palette and classic maritime furnishings with a memorable view of the Baltic’s dramatic coastlines.



Amenities

- Approx. 113 sq. ft. (Promenade Deck)
- Panoramic window
- Two twin beds and nightstand
- One chair
- Dressing table
- Closet and safe
- Adjustable A/C
- Approx. 27 sq. ft. bathroom outfitted with gold-plated fixtures including a shower, marble sink, hair dryer, and outlet for razor.

Cabins #14–17
Category 5

Perfect for single travelers but able to accommodate two guests, the former officers’ cabins offer sailing enthusiasts just the right ambiance. Leading directly to the Promenade Deck, guests may choose to sleep in fresh air with the door open.



Amenities

- Approx. 102 sq. ft.* (Promenade Deck)
- Porthole
- Upper and lower twin beds
- Small sofa
- Desk
- Closet and safe
- Adjustable A/C
- Approx. 27 sq. ft. bathroom outfitted with gold-plated fixtures including a shower, marble sink, hair dryer, and outlet for razor.

*Cabin 16 is approx 108 sq. ft.

Additional Information

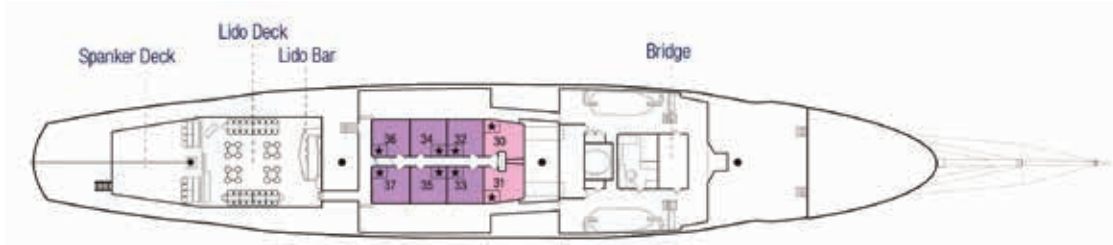
- Computer / Email / Internet**
A laptop is available free of charge in the library/lounge.
- Currency on board**
The currency on board is the euro. Also accepted are all major credit cards (MasterCard, Visa Card, American Express, and Diner’s Club). Traveler’s checks are also accepted.
- Dietary requirements**
We try to accommodate any dietary requirements and requests on board.
- Languages on board**
The languages used on board are German and English.
- Electric voltage**
The voltage on board is 220V. Each bathroom is equipped with a razor socket.

- Dress Code**
During the day, and depending on the weather, a sophisticated summer look is suitable. For evenings, we recommend smart-casual wear. For the Farewell/Captain’s Dinner we recommend a suit for men and appropriate smart dress for women.
- Laundry**
Washing and ironing service is provided at an additional charge and carried out overnight.
- Smoking**
Smoking is only permitted on the outer decks outside of meal times.
- Wellness**
 - Bathrobes, slippers and a hair dryer can be found in all cabins
 - Luxury toiletries are provided in the bathroom
 - Books and games can be borrowed free of charge from the on-board library during the cruise

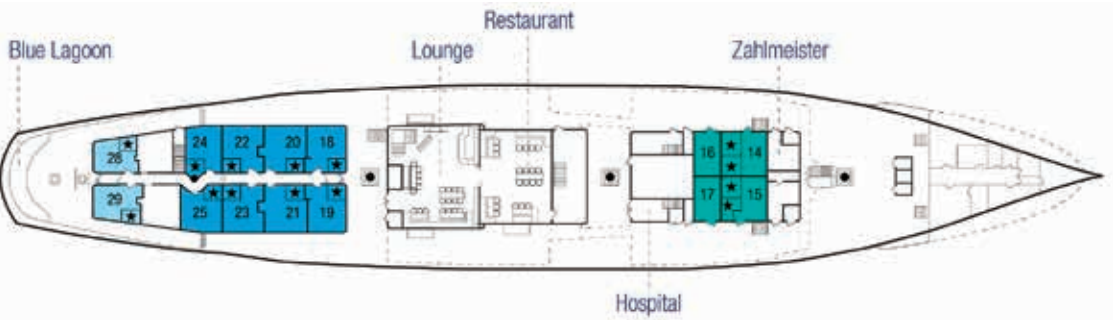


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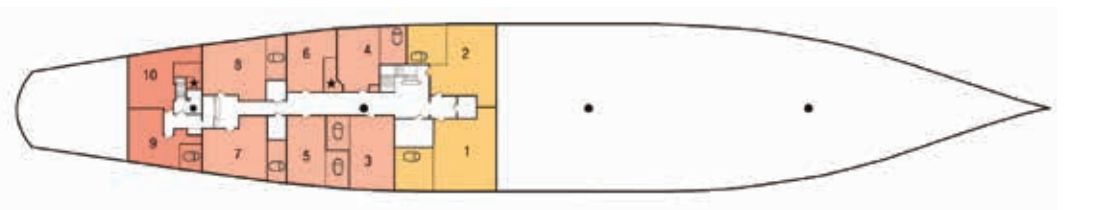
Deck Plan, Tariffs, and Pricing



Lido Deck



Promenade Deck



Main Deck



Technical Specifications

- Built: 1931
- Refurbished: 2011
- Length: 109,5m / 360ft
- Beam: 14,94m / 50ft
- Draft: 5,13m / 17ft
- Height of main mast above deck: 54,2m / 178ft
- Total sail area: 3,000m² / 32,000sq ft
- Number of sails: 30
- Registry: Malta
- Guests: 64 (max)
- Crew: 60 (approx)
- Staterooms: 32 outside cabins

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Pricing per person double occupancy (when booked by March 31, 2019)	Owner's Suite 1 & 2	Deluxe Stateroom Category B	Deluxe Stateroom Category C	Category 1 Stateroom	Category 2 Stateroom	Category 3 Stateroom	Category 4 Stateroom	Category 5 Stateroom
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AVAILABILITY	2 Suites	6 Staterooms	2 Staterooms	2 Staterooms	6 Staterooms	8 Staterooms	2 Staterooms	4 Staterooms

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Lobby



Alexander's Cigar Lounge



Exterior



Classic Room

Hotel Grande Bretagne

Athens, Greece

With breathtaking views of the fabled Acropolis, regal Syntagma Square and the Parliament, lush Lycabettus Hill, or the original Olympic Stadium, the five-star Hotel Grande Bretagne offers an unrivaled perspective of Athens' mythical history. Located right in the heart of the city since 1874, the multi-awarded landmark hotel is within walking distance of exclusive shopping areas, museums, and the business district. With meticulous attention to detail, the 320 rooms and suites marry charming old-world elegance with state-of-the-art facilities, and the 58 suites enjoy additional benefits including personalized butler service. Visit the picturesque GB Roof Garden Restaurant for the finest Mediterranean cuisine or the Winter Garden for an afternoon high tea, and do not miss the GB Spa for a signature massage, beauty treatment, or an indulgent respite in the thermal suite. Meet our concierge team members, who stand ready to unlock the secret treasures of Athens.



Exterior



Deluxe Room



Front Desk



The Palm Terrace

Hotel Excelsior Dubrovnik

Dubrovnik, Croatia

Hotel Excelsior Dubrovnik is a beloved landmark located just steps from the Old City of Dubrovnik, a UNESCO World Heritage site, and a short walk from the medieval fortress walls. Located in a royal villa that was built in 1913 to take full advantage of views of the Old Town and the Adriatic Sea, the interior was recently completely refurbished. Refined, modern rooms are equipped with free Wi-Fi and flat-screen TVs, as well as minibars, safes and designer toiletries. Amenities include tranquil gardens, a beautiful private beach, three restaurants, an indoor swimming pool, luxury spa, and a fitness center.

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I agree that any dispute concerning, relating or referring to this Agreement, the brochure or any other literature concerning my trip, or the trip itself, shall be resolved exclusively by binding arbitration pursuant to the Federal Arbitration Act, 9 U.S.C. §§1-16, either according to the then existing Commercial Rules of the American Arbitration Association (AAA) or pursuant to the Comprehensive Arbitration Rules & Procedures of the Judicial Arbitration and Mediation Services, Inc. (JAMS). Such proceedings will be governed by substantive (but not procedural) Louisiana law and will take place in New Orleans, LA. The arbitrator and not any federal, state, or local court or agency shall have exclusive authority to resolve any dispute relating to the interpretation, applicability, enforceability, conscionability, or formation of this contract, including but not limited to any claim that all or any part of this contract is void or voidable. Please understand that by agreeing to these terms and conditions, you (and we) are waiving our right to a trial by jury.

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CANCELLATIONS	CANCELLATION NOTICE RECEIVED BEFORE TOUR START DATE	TOUR CANCELLATION FEES	POST-TOUR CANCELLATION FEES
Should it be necessary to cancel your reservation, please contact the Museum immediately at 1-877-813-3329 x 257. Cancellations or all or any part of a tour including optional post-tour extension program will not be effective until received in writing. Should you have to cancel, the following terms will apply:	171 days or more	\$1,000 per person	\$100 per person
	170-91 days	\$2,000 per person	\$200 per person
	90-61 days	60% of full tour cost (incl Post Tour)*	
	60 days or less, No Show, Early Return	100% of full tour cost (incl Post Tour)*	
	*In addition, applicable cancellation fees for confirmed additional hotel nights may apply. *Tour cost is defined as the cost of any cruise, land, or air element purchased from The National WWII Museum.		



TravelSafe Classic Vacation Protection Plan

The National WWII Museum recommends the purchase of TravelSafe Insurance to protect your belongings and, most importantly, you! The Classic plan provides a package of benefits including Medical, Baggage and more.

Most Common Reasons for Trip Cancellation is Covered

Serious illness of yourself, immediate family member, traveling companion, death in the family, etc. (Refer to Classic T915C at www.travelsafe.com for a full list of covered reasons for Trip Cancellation/Trip Interruption)*

Waiver for Pre-Existing Medical Conditions

Available on Classic when plan is purchased within 21 days of confirmed deposit and you are not disabled at the time of purchase.

Schedule of Benefits

Trip Cancellation	Trip Cost
Trip Interruption	150% of Trip Cost
Missed Connection.....	\$2,500
Travel Delay (Up to \$150 Per Day)	\$750
Itinerary Change	\$250 Medical Expense/Emergency
Accident and Sickness Medical Expense	\$100,000
Emergency Medical Evacuation/Repatriation of Remains	\$1,000,000
Non-Medical Emergency Evacuation	\$25,000
24-Hour Accidental Death and Dismemberment	\$25,000
Baggage and Personal Effects	\$2,500
Baggage Delay.....	\$250

For questions regarding the Classic Vacation Plan (T925C), contact TravelSafe at 1-800-523-8020 or visit www.travelsafe.com. Provide Agency Code: THELA01 when purchasing the plan.

*Some variances in benefits applies from state to state. Refer to the Certificate of Insurance for your state for coverage details.

REGISTRATION FORM

PHILOSOPHY AND WAR

World War II in the Balkans

Aboard the Iconic *Sea Cloud*

September 22 – October 2, 2019

SEND TO:

The National WWII Museum Educational Travel Program

945 Magazine Street, New Orleans, LA 70130

Toll Free: 1-877-813-3329 x 257 FAX: 504-503-0995

Or: visit ww2museumtours.org

Email: travel@nationalww2museum.org

PLEASE MAKE MY/OUR RESERVATION FOR:

Pricing on page 51 includes Early Booking Savings when reserved and deposited by March 31, 2019.

☐ PHILOSOPHY AND WAR LAND AND CRUISE TOUR – Double Occupancy

\$299 taxes and fees additional per person.

Suite/Stateroom Category Requested (Please refer to Deck Plans on page 55. Single occupancy is available in Categories 3 and 5 only)

1st Choice: _____ 2nd Choice: _____

OPTIONAL POST-TOUR EXTENSION PROGRAM

☐ DUBROVNIK: 1991 – Two-night program for \$2,399 per person double occupancy, \$3,449 single occupancy.

*Taxes and Fees are additional \$99 per person.

All passengers must travel with a passport valid at least 6 months beyond their return date.

Guest 1: Full Legal Name (as it appears on your passport)

TITLE	FIRST	MIDDLE	LAST
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Mailing Address: _____

City: _____ State: _____ Zip: _____

Home Ph: _____/_____ Cell: _____/_____

Birthdate: _____

Email Address: _____ Preferred name on badge: _____

Roommate (if different from below): _____

Guest 2: Full Legal Name (as it appears on your passport)

TITLE	FIRST	MIDDLE	LAST
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Birthdate: _____

Email Address: _____ Preferred name on badge: _____

DEPOSIT AND FINAL PAYMENT:

A deposit of \$2,000 per person plus \$750 deposit per person for the post-tour program, if applicable, is due with your reservation application. To receive the Early Booking Savings Discount, booking and deposit must be made by April 13, 2019. Final payment is due 90 days prior to departure on Monday, July 22, 2019. Applicable port fees and taxes will be added to the final invoice. Please reserve _____ space(s). Enclosed is my/our deposit for \$_____.

Deposits and FINAL payments may be made by personal check, American Express, MasterCard, Visa, and Discover.

☐ Accept my check (Make checks payable to The National WWII Museum)

Charge my: ☐ MasterCard ☐ Visa ☐ American Express ☐ Discover

Card # _____ CVV/Security Code _____ Expires _____/_____

Signature as it appears on card: _____

Making a deposit or acceptance or use of any vouchers, tickets, goods or services shall be deemed consent to and acceptance of the terms and conditions stated in the applicable Terms and Conditions agreement, including limitations on responsibility and liability.



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